Mathematics for the Million, made thousands feel that they were equipped at any rate mathematically for citizenship and progress. Einstein's Relativity theory was explained in terms that the meanest intelligence could grasp; yearly the British Association lightened its own and mankind's darkness by explaining why wars happened, populations declined, and education was necessary. Inferiority, Oedipus and other complexes, were made available for all, and even typists knew that they were not fond of apples for nothing. Various sciences, separately pursued, became an entity—Science. More and better Science, it was felt, would build Jerusalem in England's green and pleasant land. What was fallacious was unscientific; Science is truth, truth Science—that is all ye know on earth, and all ye need to know.

Plans were in the air. As chaos deepened, the planning industry, both wholesale and retail, boomed, even Mr. Clarence Hatry, after some years of quiet meditation in prison, coming forward with his plan, *Light out of Darkness,* for a drastic redistribution of population throughout the world. Organisations had plans, individuals had plans, some only adumbrated in railway carriages and saloon bars, some publicly launched in books or in leaflets, the products of old-established firms—Keynes, Josiah Stamp, accommodated in the right-hand column of *The Times* leader-page. Teams of planners were formed; summer schools assembled to plan, and Members of Parliament planned furiously. It was another South Sea Bubble; the public were invited to

invest hope in a variety of enterprises, sometimes in enterprises whose details were later to be disclosed.

There were many seekers after knowledge, many who looked for knowledge with the same passionate eagerness that a spinster surprised in her bath looks for a towel to cover her nakedness. In their bewilderment they cried aloud for knowledge, hoping that the anguish of distant stars might be assuaged by understanding their arrangement in the sky; that the decay of institutions whose shelter they required might be prevented if their origins were known, and the fears which beset them lessened by